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## Missing HK Yacht Mystery Deepens

### TWO PORTUGUESE WOMEN REPORTED TO BE ABOARD

There was still no news this morning of the yacht Kert on which Mr W. J. C. Josling and a party of friends were said to have sailed in the direction of Macao from Hongkong waters last Sunday afternoon.

Mr Josling, according to information released this morning, borrowed the yacht from its owner, Capt. W. D. Neil, of the Merchant Navy. The vessel was then lying in the Causeway Bay typhoon shelter in the care of the A. King Slipway (well-known yacht builders).

With Mr Josling and another Englishman, three Portuguese women, a Shanghai Chinese, and a crew of a coxswain and a sailor, the yacht left the anchorage about 1.50 p.m. on Sunday for a cruise to Cheung Chau Island. They reached there about 5.15 p.m. and Josling's English companion and one Portuguese woman disembarked, returning to Hongkong by ferry. It was learned that the rest of the party then decided to sail to Macao. They have not been heard from since leaving Cheung Chau.

Capt. Neil, it is understood, has cabled to Macao for information about his yacht, but has received no reply.

The Marine Police are conducting a search for the yacht.

The yacht Kert, a fairly large vessel of its type, was built in Shanghai in 1933 at a cost of \$40,000. When the Japanese took control of Shanghai at the outbreak of the Pacific War, they seized the yacht and shipped it to Japan. After the war, it was recovered by the American forces, and was subsequently purchased by Capt. Neil.

The Kert was a recent arrival in Hongkong waters, having been brought to Hongkong on board the ss Eastern Glory on November 28 last year. Since then, she had been tied up in the Causeway Bay typhoon shelter.

## GIBBONS SENTENCED

Tokyo, Mar. 16. Kenneth William Gibbons, the first Australian to be tried by a Japanese court since the war, was today sentenced to six months' imprisonment — suspended for three years — for illegal entry into Japan to see his Japanese wife.

The Japanese judge said that the court had "every sympathy with the motives."

Gibbons will not have to serve the sentence unless he commits another misdemeanor when it will be added to the new sentence.

But since General MacArthur's headquarters has refused him permission to stay in Japan, it means that he will be deported automatically in the next fortnight.

Gibbons is, theoretically, a free man now, but since he has no place to live in he will remain at the hotel where he has been held for over three months. He will be moved to better quarters in the prison.

Gibbons, a former Serviceman, said after the sentence that he had no special message to send to his Japanese wife who is 22 years old.—Reuter.

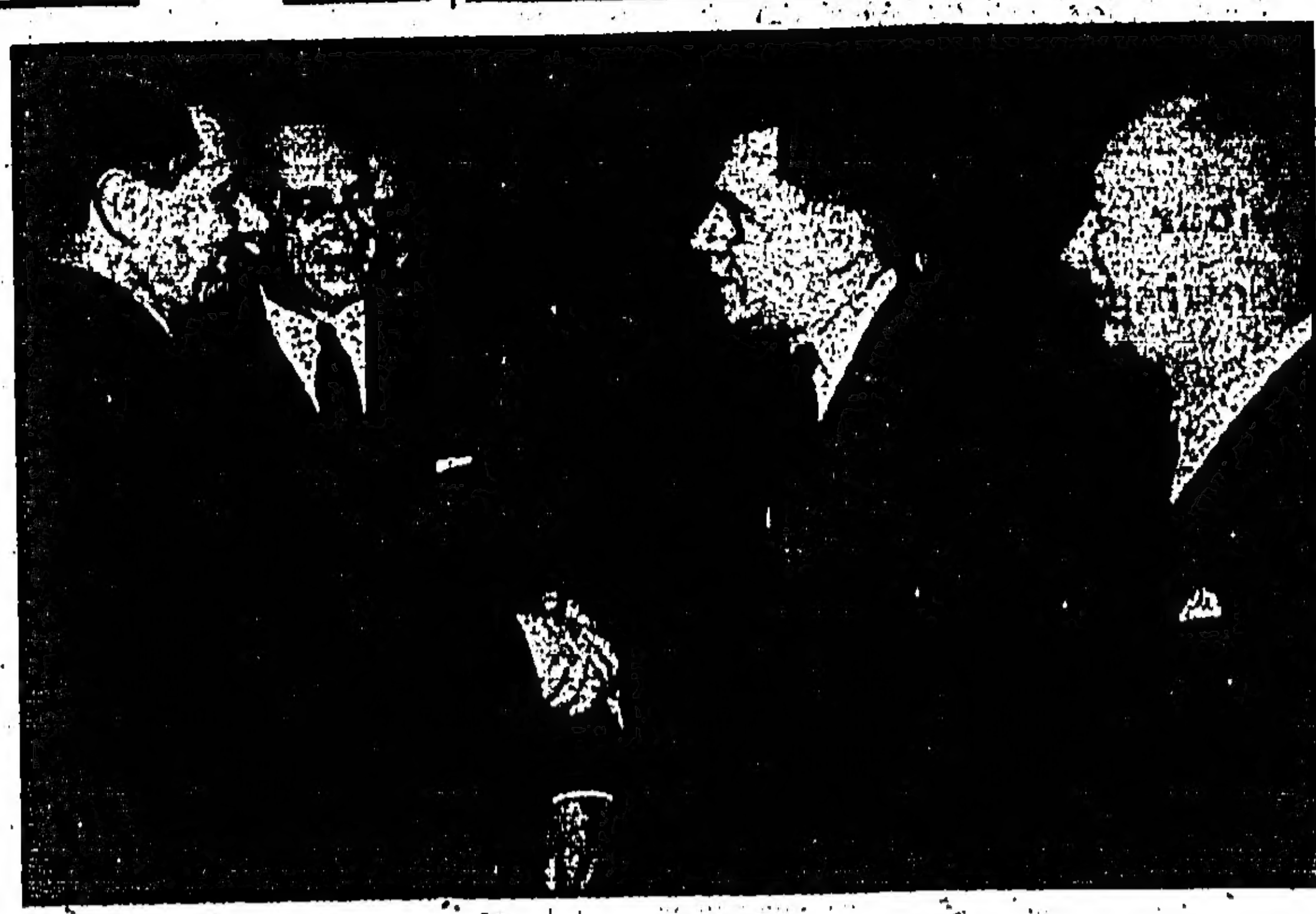
## Healing The Breach

Paris, Mar. 15. The French National Assembly today went a long way towards healing the breach over the electoral system which brought the downfall of the Cabinet of M. Rene Pleven two weeks ago.

It agreed to a motion in favour of revising the system of proportional representation by a system of majority voting. It also agreed that the future system should have one ballot instead of two.

Further details about the future voting system have yet to be debated and agreed upon before the fate of the Government's Electoral Reform Bill will be definitely known.—Reuter.

## The Deputies Meet



Mr Ernest Davies, leader of the British delegation (left) shakes hands with Mr Gromyko, leader of the Russian delegation (third from left) before the preliminary meeting of the Big Four deputies in Paris. Second from left is Dr Philip Jessup, the chief American representative, and on right is M. Alexandre Parodi, leader of the French delegation. — AP Picture.

## Deadlock In Paris Talks Tightens

Paris, Mar. 15. The deadlock in the junior Big Four conference on German rearmament, which the Russians regard as the No. 1 issue, tightened another notch tonight.

Deputy Foreign Ministers of the three Western powers, the US, Britain and France, insisted in a session of three hours and 45 minutes that the decision taken to rearm West Germany as a part of Western defences will stand.

On the other hand, Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko insisted the plan violated the Potsdam Agreement of 1945, threatens world peace and should be abandoned.

In manoeuvres that have seen drafts, redrafts and re-drafted redrafts of various proposals for the agenda of a Big Four Foreign Ministers' conference, the West and Russia have not yielded even a semicolon on the issue of German rearmament.

The delegates are still trying to work out a list of subjects which the Foreign Ministers' conference can discuss.

## Soviet Agent Testifies In Spy Trial

New York, Mar. 15. Julius Rosenberg, on trial for his life on charges of wartime espionage, was linked directly to the Soviet atomic spy ring by another of its confessed members today.

Harry Gold, who is serving a 30-year prison term for his part in the betrayal of the atom bomb secret, told a Federal Court he picked up the Los Alamos New Mexico atom information in Julius' name.

Gold said the plot for him to pick up information from David Greenglass, Rosenberg's brother-in-law who was employed on the atom bomb project, was hatched in a New York restaurant with Anatoli Yakovlev, former Russian consulate official here. Carrying out the Russian's instructions, Gold testified, he got information from Greenglass in June 1945.

On the same trip, he said, he also picked up a "batch of papers" from the British scientist Klaus Fuchs in Santa Fe, New Mexico. He added that he returned to New York and gave Yakovlev both sets of information.

"I met with Yakovlev in a sort of combination restaurant and bar called 'Volks' on the corner of 42nd Street and 3rd Avenue," Gold related.—United Press.

## Will Delay Demand

London, Mar. 15. Mr Anthony Eden, deputy Conservative leader, said in the House of Commons today that the Opposition would put off until after Easter its demand for a debate on the appointment of an American commander in the Atlantic.

## Acquitted On Lie Charge

Honolulu, Mar. 15. Alejandro Llanos, Honolulu's self-styled defender of the self-styled defender of the self-styled defender, was acquitted yesterday of a charge he told a US\$55 lie. A Circuit Court jury found him innocent of a government accusation that he had lied under oath when he said he had only US\$20 when he went to the Philippines in 1949. The prosecution contended he had more than US\$75. Llanos claimed last autumn he borrowed some US\$40,000 from a Filipino in Hawaii which he said was not repaid. He said he planned to repay it. Subsequent investigation failed to back up his story.—Associated Press.

## Mr. Truman Defends His Colleagues

Key West, Florida, Mar. 15.

President Harry Truman sharply defended the honour of his administration today, declared his house is always clean and that his Presidency will be remembered "if we get through this year without a third world war."

conscious of mounting editorial and cartoon criticism of White House and other Federal officials involved in the Senate Reconstruction Finance Corporation inquiry, Mr Truman told a news conference: "My people are honourable—all of them are."

To a suggestion by Republican Senator William F. Knowland that he return from his Florida vacation and clean house, the President said solemnly: "My house is always clean. What are you talking about."

TACTICAL DECISION Mr Truman was in rare good humour for the most part. He turned solemn when asked the outlook for peace in Korea.

He could not answer that question, he said. "Will the United Nations forces be allowed to pass beyond the 38th Parallel," a reporter asked.

That Mr Truman said, is a tactical decision to be made by the commander in the field, not by the Commander-in-Chief, 7,000 miles away.

He said he was working for the country's welfare and he thought all other government employees are trying to do the same thing. He said he thought character assassination is a terrible thing.

The administration of no President can be correctly evaluated during his term, or within 25 or 30 years after that term, Mr Truman said.

It takes an objective survey of what has happened and what was trying to be accomplished to decide whether the President has been a success or not. And you can't decide that now or here, or neither can I.—Associated Press.

## ALLIES GOING AHEAD

Tokyo, Mar. 16.

The Communists turned and fought on the east central Korean front today, but American troops sent them reeling back again with a vicious night bayonet charge as Allied patrols probed northward to within 15 miles or less of the 38th Parallel.

United Press correspondent Rutherford Posts reported that the Communists ended their retreat east of Hengchon and turned to fight under a rain of steel from Allied air and artillery.

To the west the Allies swept to the ridges overlooking the Chinese river without finding opposition.

In the Seoul area, they seized control of the western end of the Seoul-Chunchon highway as 7,000 South Korean police joined Allied soldiers in the capital in wiping out Communist agents left behind by the retreating Reds.

The North Koreans stood and fought east of Hengchon in the bloodiest Communist stand of the week.

A pre-dawn bayonet charge by veteran American infantrymen of the Second Division routed the Communist force after a 20-hour battle that took at least 345 enemy lives and brought the surrender of 139 prisoners.

## TURNED TO FIGHT

The Yanks attacking north of Yodong—east of "Hongkion"—collided with a 3,500-man North Korean force that had ended its retreat and turned to fight.

Air and artillery strikes pounded the Reds between American infantry attacks, but at 15 minutes past midnight the Reds were still pouring machinegun and mortar fire into Yankee ranks and holding to their ridge positions astride the road north of Yodong. The Americans, reversing their usual tactics, launching a bayonet charge in the darkness and sent the now heavily-armed Red force reeling northward, the Second Division reported.

General MacArthur's headquarters reported that heavy Naval gunfire again raked enemy-held east coast rail and road junctions. The USS Missouri poured more than 150 tons of explosive shells into bridges, tunnels and railway rolling stock in the Chongjin area, while at Wonsan a light cruiser with destroyers and frigates hammered communication lines, gun emplacements and troop concentrations. Other UN Naval units pounded highway and rail networks at Songjin.

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Rangling from Wonsan to Chongjin in the east and Surwon to Baegu in the west, Navy and Marine aircraft from Task Force 77 and the light carrier, Batavia, attacked bridges, supply routes and troop concentrations in support of UN ground operations.

Mounting more than 1,000 sorties for the third successive day, UN land-based aircraft struck enemy targets in close and deep support of ground operations. B-29 Superforts attacked enemy resupply and reinforcement facilities by bombing four marshalling yards and a railroad bridge on the Communist main western supply routes.

Fighter and light bomber aircraft rocketed, napalmed and strafed enemy pockets of resistance and searched out retreating Red units in rear areas inflicting many casualties and destroying about 100 vehicles.

## VICTORY IN SIGHT

With Eighth Army Mar. 16. American troops were today within 10 air miles of Chunchon, Communist Army base seven and a half miles below the 38th Parallel, and key to whether the Reds will make a stand in South Korea.

If they pull out of Chunchon with only rear guard actions, the Allies can sweep forward to the Parallel—and end the war line which Lt-General Matthew Ridgway has said would constitute "a tremendous victory for the United Nations."

Chunchon is the largest supply center in Korea. Its fall would be a big morale and military victory for the United Nations and end the capture of Seoul—symbolically important—but strategically a minor move.—Associated Press.

## \$250,000 Grant To University

London, Mar. 15. Britain has made a second award of £250,000 to the Hongkong University to help in rehabilitation and development, the Colonial Office announced today.—Reuter.

(The first grant, also of £250,000, was made in 1947 and the money came from the Treasury. The latest award has been made from the Colonial Welfare and Development Fund.)

## Chiang's Vision Of Invasion

Taipei, Mar. 15.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek said tonight that with adequate aid his Chinese Nationalists could make Commando raids on the Red mainland in two months and a full scale invasion in six months.

Generalissimo Chiang made his estimate in a talk with Eric Cocke, Jr., National Commander of the American Legion. Cocke was his dinner guest.

The Nationalist leader said his forces would need economic as well as military aid for a return to the mainland. Cocke asked whether he would accept a United States Chief of Staff, Generalissimo Chiang replied he would welcome this capacity "any acceptable officer experienced in amphibious warfare."

## ENOUGH MANPOWER

He said also it was obvious that at present the Nationalists would be unable to cover the expense of a full-scale invasion of the mainland. Mainland conditions, he said, would make it impossible for his troops to be self-sustaining.

Chiang said his ground forces had enough manpower for an invasion of the continent, but would need logistical support. He said his air force was short on planes, and he had enough trained pilots to man many more.

He dismissed the idea of a third party in China as unrealistic, saying there was no middle road by which to defeat the Reds.

The former followed Cocke's declaration to a capacity audience in City Hall, that "I will recommend that (US) military aid be forthcoming at once" for Chiang's forces.

"If it is within the scope of the overall plan, I will recommend that you be given the chance with adequate support both on the high seas and in the air to re-enter your homeland," Cocke said.—Associated Press.

## Churchill In Angry Exchanges

### Criticises Gov't's Pact With Egypt

London, Mar. 15. Mr Winston Churchill and his chief lieutenant, Mr Anthony Eden, battled angrily tonight with the Government over a new money pact with Egypt.

Mr Douglas Jay, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, announced in the House of Commons that Britain would release £150,000,000 of Egypt's blocked sterling balances over the next 18½ years. The rate of £80,000,000 more which Britain owes Egypt will be decided before the period ends.

Mr Jay said that Britain had no intention of trying to cut down the balances owing without Egypt's agreement. Britain would supply £11,000,000 worth of aid a year to Egypt up till 1960.

This statement brought Mr Churchill to his feet, demanding to know, "How much have we to pay to Egypt for protecting against the Nazi and Fascist invasion?"

Stirling balances—debts accumulated during the war by Britain for war supplies and services—was a sore point with the wartime Premier.

ROUGHLY TREATED He further asked—Was the petroleum part of the new agreement to be fulfilled even though Egypt was carrying out an illegal blockade of oil being shipped through the Suez Canal to the Israel redoubt?

The deputy Conservative leader, Mr Eden, demanded to know why Britain was giving facilities to the Egyptian Government "when for more than a year they have been treating us very roughly in respect of the Canal Zone."

Mr Jay said that it was Egypt's own money that was being discussed. Mr Churchill retorted: "The policy of the warring Government was that these debts would be offset by Britain's bill for having defended Egypt during the war."

Mr Eden called for an assurance that the new agreement would not be ratified without parliamentary approval.

The new Foreign Secretary, Mr Herbert Morrison, declared amid angry shouts from the Conservatives, that Mr Churchill was making mischief with Egypt.

He said that he was not going to be bullied by the Opposition, but he would see whether he could agree to having a debate before ratification.

Mr Churchill said that if the Government did not make a satisfactory statement tomorrow he might call for a debate.—Reuter.

## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### An Inescapable Decision

PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S defence of the free world's decision to rearm itself can be said to represent majority opinion, although the necessity for such a policy evokes no sense of satisfaction. On the contrary it illuminates the chronic international situation almost entirely created by Soviet belligerency, as expressed through a well-planned programme of imperialist expansionism, and of Soviet intransigency and obstructionism as illustrated at Lake Success and other international conferences. In Paris, for example, Mr Gromyko is making no honest attempt to reach agreement with the Foreign Ministers' deputies of the United States, Britain and France, and by his attitude is making it palpably clear that Russia has no intention of discussing at high level the causes of the current international tension, or of trying to eliminate them. Not without significance did Mr Gromyko this week observe that "this is not the time to talk of failure." It can have only one interpretation: that the Soviet representative is certain the talks will fail, and that he is not prepared to do anything to avert such an ignominious result. By this typical attitude at the conference table, Russia forfeits the free world's confidence in the good faith and honest intentions of the Soviets, and compels the West to make preparations for the next evil move which the Kremlin may have planned. Nor is this the only reason why the free world finds it necessary to prepare its defences. Abundant evidence exists that Russia is armed well beyond her purely defensive requirements; that she is helping to build up the armed strength of her satellites; that she has been and still is actively pro-

moting the conflict in Korea; that she is prepared to lend her support to any military, subversive or political enterprise calculated to disrupt the peace and security of a country. Hitherto this technique of intimidation and bluff has met with some success, but the free world is no longer willing to be frightened; to deny itself the right to make the necessary preparations to discourage and withstand aggression. The non-Soviet bloc, as President Truman emphasises, has learnt that it must rearm because firstly, it offers the chief and only hope of preventing a third world war; and secondly, if Russia insists upon provoking an international conflict, it will enable the free world to withstand the onslaught. Aggression, however covert, is a violation of international law, and a denial of the principles of the United Nations. Soviet Russia has committed aggression in a number of ways during the past five years and she gives no sign, either by word or deed, in her international relations, to suggest that she is prepared to change that policy. It is this which compels the free world to rearm; to prepare its defences. Not only is there a dangerous disparity in armaments of the Soviet bloc and the rest of the world, but, as Mr Truman observes, "we do not know what further aggressive plans may be in the making by the adversaries of the free world." This is the fear which Russia has inspired, and only some fundamental change in the Kremlin's international policy can remove that fear and point the way to general disarmament. The prospects of this happening are not cheering; therefore the only thing to do is to match aggression's might, and in such a way as to discourage it from further enterprise.

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## UN Committee Silence

Lake Success, Mar. 15.  
The United Nations Good Offices Committee of three, which has been trying to negotiate with the Chinese Communist Government on Korea, met today.

## Atlantic Crossed By Jeep!

Casablanca, Mar. 15.  
An Australian engineer, Ben Carlin, and his wife, after crossing the Atlantic Ocean in their amphibious jeep, said here today that they would continue their round-the-world adventure.

The strange "vessel" caused a sensation when it waded ashore here yesterday and drove through the crowded streets. Carlin told Reuters that the crossing has taken nine months, including three months in the Azores. The non-stop voyage, from Halifax, Nova Scotia, to the Azores, took 31 days, and they had little petrol and no drinking water when they arrived.

Leaving the Azores for Madeira at the end of November, they ran into a severe storm. "We had monstrous waves breaking on board," Carlin said. "The jeep was tossed about in all directions like a toy. I thought our last hour had come. The only way out was an opening in the plexiglass roof. We had had to close it to avoid being flooded."

He said it was their third attempt at an Atlantic crossing. Last time they were picked up by a tanker. They intended to return to the United States by way of London, the Middle East and the Pacific.—Reuters.

## Eisenhower's Mission

Washington, Mar. 15.  
General Dwight Eisenhower, often mentioned as a presidential possibility in 1952, has informed Congress he is willing to "devote the rest" of his life to making the Atlantic defence pact work.

He made the statement before a closed session of the Joint Foreign Relations and Armed Services Committees. An edited version of his testimony published today disclosed that he said: "I have confidence that we can achieve unity in the free world that will make us secure if we will all work... I have this much confidence that I am willing to devote the rest of my life to try to make it (the Atlantic Pact) work."—United Press.

# Britain Considering Vigorous Action Over Oil Nationalisation

London, Mar. 15.

Britain will take vigorous measures to protect her oil interests in Persia following the Persian Majlis' (Parliament) decision today to confirm the nationalisation recommendation made by its Oil Committee, according to diplomatic quarters here.

The present concession of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company—regarded here as remaining entirely valid in law—runs until 1933.

Britain's intention to stand by the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, in which the British Government has a substantial interest, is understood to have been conveyed to the Persian authorities in a note delivered yesterday by the British Ambassador in Teheran, Sir Francis Shepherd.

A Foreign Office spokesman, questioned about the Majlis' decision, said that he could only repeat yesterday's statement by the Minister of State, Mr. Kenneth Younger, that the terms of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company's concession made clear that no Persian Government could "unilaterally abrogate the text" until it ran out in 1933.

Observers here believed that the next move by the Persian Government, if it sticks to the plan outlined by the Majlis, will be to table a law nationalising the oil company.

This it would get passed when the Oil Committee has reported with a detailed nationalisation scheme in about three months' time.

British officials here believed that the Majlis' decision was in order from the purely constitutional standpoint, though it was taken before the new Government of the Prime Minister, Hussain Ala, had taken office.

But they considered it a breach of binding undertakings to the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company.

Anglo-Iranian shares on the Stock Exchange here, which have fallen by a total of £22 million—about £1 a share—since the last eight days were only slightly affected by today's news from Teheran.

At the opening of the market they were called slightly lower.

After some uncertainty they settled down at 105 shillings—about the same level they reached after the assassination of the Persian Prime Minister last week.

The British Government appoints two of the 13 Directors but does not interfere with the normal commercial management.

Mr. Kenneth Younger, the Minister of State, disclosed in the House of Commons last night that the company was willing to discuss an agreement on the basis of equal sharing of profits in Persia and had so informed the Persian Government before the recent developments.

This would resemble the arrangement which the American oil concessionaries in Arabia, the Arabian-American Oil

Company, recently made with the Government of Saudi Arabia.

Similar equal sharing between the Government and the oil companies prevails in Venezuela.—Reuters.

MAJLIS VOTE  
Teheran, Mar. 15.  
The Persian Majlis (Parliament) today unanimously confirmed the decision of the Special Oil Committee to nationalise the country's oil industry.

Most of Persia's oil resources are operated by the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company.

The Oil Committee took its decision on the nationalisation last Thursday—the day after the assassination of the Prime Minister, General Ali Buzurg, who had opposed nationalisation.

Parliament also extended for two months the life of the Oil Committee, which recently rejected the supplementary agreement signed between the Persian Government and the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company in 1949.

The company's present agreement with the Persian Government is until 1933. The Oil Committee, which was due to finish its business on March 11, asked the Majlis last week to extend its life for two more months to work out a detailed nationalisation plan.

The British Ambassador in Teheran, Sir Francis Shepherd, last night presented the new Prime Minister, Hussain Ala, with the Government's note on British oil interests in Persia mentioned in both Houses of Parliament in London yesterday.

The Anglo-Iranian Oil Company and the Persian Government signed a supplementary oil agreement in 1949 increasing Persia's royalties on each metric ton, giving her small increases in taxes and a guaranteed minimum annual payment of £4,000,000 in respect of her share dividends and reserves.—Reuters.

NO VETO POWER  
London, Mar. 15.  
Iranian Embassy sources said today that the oil nationalisation proposal would also have to be approved by the Senate but even if the Senate rejected the bill it would become law if the Majlis approved it again.

After final Parliamentary action, the London sources said, the bill would go to the Shah for routine Royal assent. The Shah, it was said, had no veto powers as such. In the oil case

his only recourse, if he opposed nationalisation enough to go against the Majlis, would be to dissolve the present Parliament before final action on the bill.

Reports received in London said the Shah had expressed the hope that Iran would get greater royalties from the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company but had not expressed himself on the nationalisation issue.—United Press.

## Hongkong Black Carbon Hold-Up

Manila, Mar. 16.  
The Philippine Government has turned down a request to use Manila as port for transshipment of 225 cases of Hongkong-bound black carbon from Japan. The request was made by a local shipping company following unloading of a 35,000-pound shipment at Yokohama, Japan, from a ship which had come from the United States.

Rejecting the request, the government stated it did not wish to make Manila a "spring-board for transshipment of restricted materials to Far East danger areas."

Black carbon is understood to contain an important ingredient for the manufacture of gunpowder and the government decision was believed to have been made in an effort to prevent the shipment from falling into Chinese Communist hands.—United Press.

## War Of Manoeuvre Must Continue, Says Gen. MacArthur

New York, March 15.

General Douglas MacArthur said today that United Nations troops must continue their war of manoeuvre in Korea because there are no natural defences near the 38th Parallel to hold against the Chinese Communists.

The number of United Nations troops it would take to hold the Parallel would be sufficient to drive the Chinese Communists back across the Yalu river boundary with Manchuria and to hold the line there.

The Supreme Commander said this in response to a single question asked him by cable: "How many troops would be required to hold the 38th Parallel inviolate?"

General MacArthur replied: "As I have on several occasions pointed out, the conditions under which we are conducting military operations in Korea do not favour engaging in positional warfare on any line across the peninsula."

"Specifically with reference to the 38th Parallel, there are no natural defence features anywhere near its immediate proximity. The terrain is such that if we had it, and could logically maintain it, we would be able to drive the Chinese Communists back across the Yalu, hold that river as our future main line of defence, and proceed to the accomplishment of our mission in the unification of Korea."

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"Under the realities existing, however, we can and will, (unless the situation is radically altered, continue our campaign of manoeuvre as the best means to neutralise the military disadvantages under which we fight, and keep the enemy engaged where it best serves our own military purposes."

"Such point of engagement will of necessity be a fluctuating variable, dependent upon the shifting relative strengths of the forces committed, and will constantly move up or down."

"The problem involved requires much more fundamental decisions than are within my authority or responsibility to make as military commander—decisions which must not ignore the heavy costs in Allied blood which are protracted and indecisive campaigns would entail."

ISSUE TO ARISE  
The 38th Parallel question is certain to come up tomorrow when the assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Rusk, his wife, and the British ambassador, Sir John Mordaunt, are expected to arrive in Seoul.

## Anglo-Italian Identity Of Views

TRIESTE ISSUE

London, Mar. 15.  
Britain reaffirmed today, at the close of the Anglo-Italian talks here, that she still favoured the return of Trieste to Italy.

An official communique on the two-day talks here with the Italian Prime Minister, Signor Alcide De Gasperi, and the Foreign Minister, Count Carlo Sforza, said the two governments reached "complete identity of views" on matters of common interest.

The return of Trieste to Italy was the only topic mentioned specifically. The key paragraph said: "The British Ministers confirmed that they maintain the tripartite declaration on Trieste of March 1948, with a view to settlement by conciliation and the Italian Ministers declared it was their desire to reach a friendly agreement with the Yugoslav Government on this question."

Other points made by Signor De Gasperi and Count Sforza at a press conference included:

1. Special attention was given to the progress of the "Big Four" deputies' conference.  
2. Italy's complaint that she had not been admitted to the United Nations.  
3. Italy would be "happy" to discuss Trieste with Yugoslavia but no plans have been made for such talks.

4. The precarious situation in Iran is a danger to the Mediterranean and therefore to Italy.—United Press.

## New RAF Base In Cyrenaica

London, Mar. 15.  
The Civil Aviation Ministry said today that the airfield at El Adem in Cyrenaica would become a strictly military field effective April 1. It said civil planes would use Benina when the Royal Air Force takes control of the field at El Adem.—United Press.

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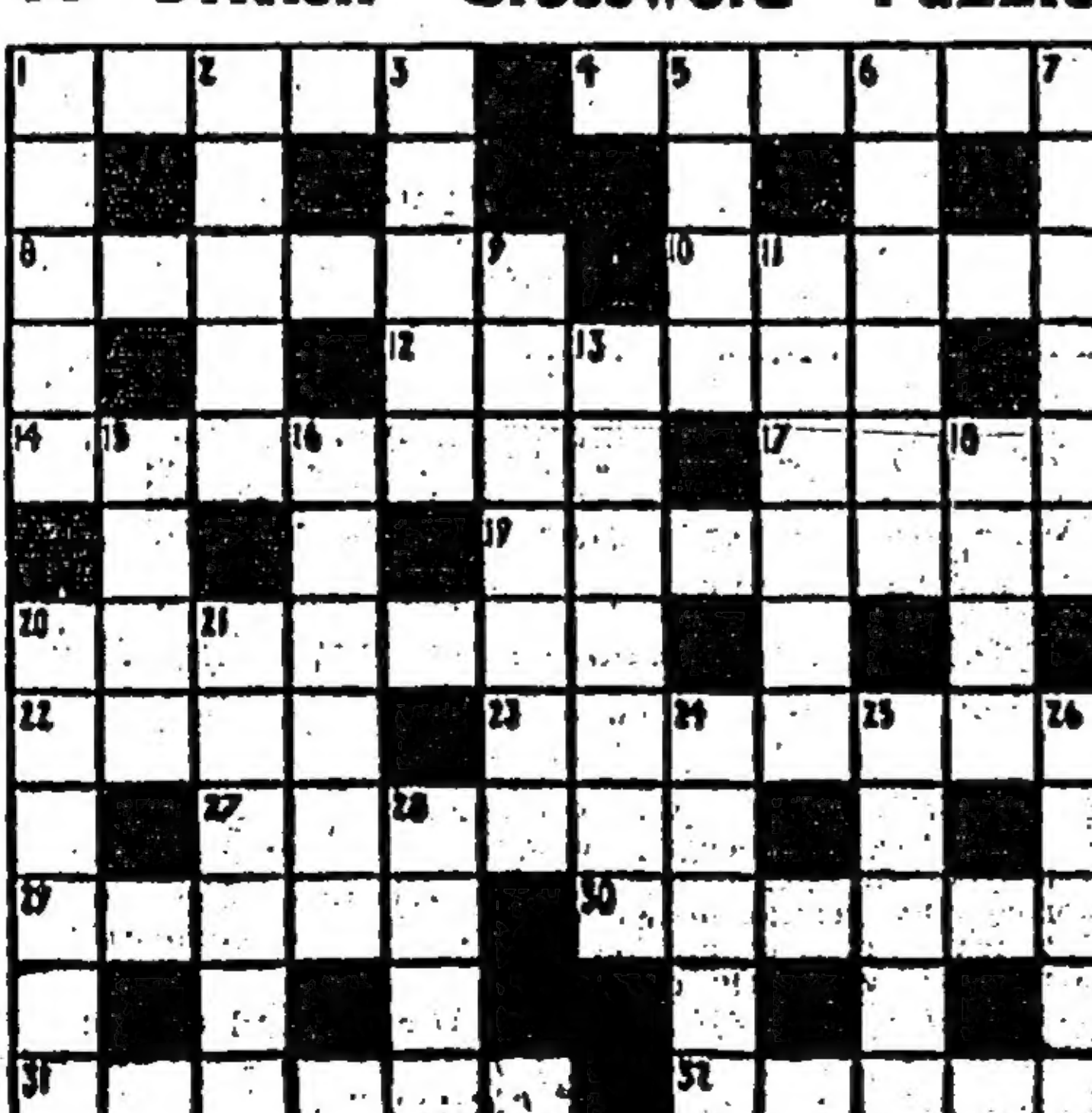
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1. Swiftness.  
4. Decisive moment.  
8. Current.  
10. On the move.  
12. Allow.  
14. Grant.  
16. Niggardly.  
18. Review.  
20. Introduction.  
22. Two pages.  
24. Adjudged.  
26. Closed securely.  
28. Wept.  
30. Item.  
31. Constraints.  
32. Savoury.

DOWN  
1. Fundamental.  
2. Rhythm.  
3. Form.  
5. Quantity of paper.  
6. Seal.  
7. Run at full speed.  
9. Relating to the healing art.  
11. Twofold simile.  
13. Revivified.  
15. Monster.  
16. Beverage.  
18. Cultivation.  
20. Calm.  
21. Not so difficult.  
23. Glimpse.  
25. Lower.  
27. To be up.

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD  
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## ARE WE DUCKING A PERIL-SPOT?

On the Soviet-Persian  
border SEFTON DELMER  
finds a situation 'more  
alarming than anything  
I've seen since China'



**TEHERAN.**  
WHEN Dr Mohamed  
Mosaddegh went to  
his study window  
and gazed out on the street  
beneath, his shrewd old  
eyes focused on a sight  
which filled him both with  
pleasure and misgiving.  
Scrawled on the wall op-  
posite was the one word  
"Nationalisation."

He could see in the in-  
scription an ego-trilling  
tribute to his effectiveness  
as a demagogue. For it  
was he who, as leader of  
the National Front Party,  
had launched the universally  
popular campaign demand-  
ing that Persia should de-  
clare the concession of the  
British-owned Anglo-Iranian  
Oil Company null and void,  
and transfer its installa-  
tions to the Persian State  
as a nationalised enterprise.

Persian high-ups—they  
will, as likely as not, start  
by pooh-poohing the Tudeh  
and their affiliated Azer-  
baijan "Democrat" separatists.  
They dismiss their follow-  
ing as confined to teenage  
students and a few dis-  
gruntled tribesmen.

Afraid...

**HOWEVER,** the real truth is  
that the Persians are  
afraid of provoking the great  
Soviet neighbour. I know—for  
a fact that the Tudeh police  
have discovered that the  
Tudeh's clandestine news sheet,  
Mardum, is printed in the  
vast extra-territorial com-  
pounds of the Soviet Embassy.

The Persian police cleverly  
managed to follow a motor-  
car which left the Soviet  
Embassy one night not so long  
ago. Without being noticed  
themselves, they followed it to  
a point where a driver dumped  
a valise and drove off.

The police waited until a  
man picked up the valise. They  
arrested him and opened the  
bag. It was packed tight with  
the latest issue of Mardum.

But they did nothing about  
it and Mardum is still appear-  
ing regularly once a week with  
violent attacks on the Govern-  
ment and the Shah plus the  
usual abuse of the British  
and Americans and UNO.

I even found copies of Mar-  
dum being circulated in tiny  
North Persian towns. They  
had been sent out through the  
ordinary post in envelopes ad-  
dressed by hand and giving  
as senders the names of Teheran  
police officials. It must be  
good fun being a Tudeh  
agent.

Hiding-spots

**THE** Soviet Hospital, the Soviet  
Institute of Culture, and  
Fisheries are all re-  
fuges where the Tudeh can  
hold meetings in safety and  
hide from the police if they  
are being hunted.

The Soviet-Iranian transport  
services, which cover the  
whole of North Persia from  
Teheran, form a sacrosanct  
courier service. If a man  
wants to get out of the country  
there is the Soviet-Iranian  
Fisheries and their fleet of  
Soviet steamers, all immune  
from interference by the fright-  
ened Persian authorities.

The fear that the Soviet may  
be the rulers of tomorrow is  
making individual Persian  
officials turn a blind eye to  
Communist activities.

This now penetrates the  
whole of the Persian economic  
and administrative machine.  
It even extends to Persian  
employees of the Anglo-Iranian  
Oil Company and the guards  
supposed to protect the refinery  
and wells from sabotage.

High and low, the Persians  
are following the Soviet  
to prevent them from accepting

the Communist peace pro-  
paganda.

But the greatest tactical asset  
in Persia for both the  
Soviet and their Tudeh servants  
is the anti-British nationalisa-  
tion movement started by the  
venerable, well-meaning, but  
muddle-minded little Dr  
Mosaddegh.

The doctor is preparing for  
the Soviet a priceless op-  
portunity of exerting political,  
military, and diplomatic pres-  
sure on the Persian Govern-  
ment and the Persian people.

That is why Tudeh painting  
squads are going around at  
night daubing "Nationalisa-  
tion" slogans, not only on the  
doctor's wall, but on walls  
everywhere; why the Tudeh  
are sending trained crowd  
operators to National Front  
meetings to work on the mobs  
and see that the maximum  
amount of anti-Western venom  
is pumped into them.

The Communists hope the  
whipped-up emotions of the  
population and the lunacy of  
the elections will force  
through that Nationalisation  
Bill.

More demands...

**THEN,** if the British refuse to  
comply with the nationalisa-  
tion order the Soviet will claim  
that the British, by defying Per-  
sian sovereignty, are guilty of  
aggression against Persia.

From that they can follow  
with all manner of demands  
and proposals, depending on  
the international situation, and  
what they can get away with.

No, I don't blame the little  
doctor for being worried about  
that writing on the wall.

—(London Express Service)

A CHAMPAGNE SERIAL... by LEONARD MOSLEY



£800 short—and a

£30,000

show was

in danger

**I**T was to be the biggest  
revue of Cochran's  
career, and the start of  
a year which dogged him  
with accident, illness, and  
disaster.

**FOLLOW THE SUN** was  
his name. The star was  
Claire Luce, a blonde from  
America, who could sing and  
act with attractive power.  
One of the big sensations  
was the stage appearance of  
a new kind of dance band—  
a troupe of rumba players.

The comedian was a new-  
comer called Vic Oliver.

But rehearsals had been  
long, heated, and costly. On  
the day of the try-out open-  
ing in Manchester £25,000  
had been sunk in the show  
and bill collectors were at  
the stage door demanding  
another £800.

"If we don't get it, no dresses,"  
they said, which meant that the  
show couldn't go on.

Cochran phoned his backers  
for the money. Not a penny  
more could he get.

The showman, racked by  
arthritis and in severe pain, was  
in tears and in despair.

CRISIS...

But the bill was paid

**WHILE** his stars  
huddled in groups  
around the theatre,  
wondering whether they  
still had a job, he  
went back to the hotel  
to see if his publicity  
man, Major Leadley,  
could help.

Leadley had already invested  
£3,418 in the show and wasn't  
able to produce more. But he  
had a persuasive manner and a  
long list of Manchester friends.

He sat Cochran down in a  
corner with a bottle of cham-  
pagne, and reached for his hat.  
"Wait for me there," he said.

Two hours later he came back  
and handed his boss £800.  
Cochran stumbled to his feet and  
clasped Leadley fondly in his  
arms. The dresses were paid for  
and that night—the show went  
on.

Everything now looked rosy  
for the London opening. Then  
came another blow.

It was January 1936. Bookings  
for "Follow the Sun" at the  
Adelphi were going well. And  
then King George V died. Can-  
cellations rolled in. Theatres  
closed. Shows were cancelled.

"Follow the Sun" did well,  
but not well enough. Cochran  
took a full-page advertisement  
in the Daily Express and "with-  
in 24 hours took enough to  
cover the cost and £200 in  
bookings besides."

By mid-April he had turned  
it into London's first twice-  
nightly revue.

The death of a king was  
followed by the crowning of a  
king and to celebrate it Cochran

Huge models were made and  
collected, and eventually the  
clumsy great lout was dis-  
persed with altogether. A  
characteristically Cochran  
gesture

CRISIS

It nearly broke his heart

**BERGNER** was a  
worried about her  
film career, and there  
were rumours that  
she was departing for  
Hollywood. Instead, she  
went into hospital for  
an operation. The  
production had to be  
postponed; more money was  
lost.

When "The Boy David" at  
last came on all Cochran's  
hopes were destroyed. His  
failure nearly broke Cochran's  
heart. It severely hit his bank  
balance, too.

He was old. His arthritis  
was painful. There were new  
conditions in the theatre, and  
mounting costs, too. But a  
showman is a showman—and a  
showman must go on.

As the rich har-  
vest years of the  
Nineteen Thirties  
rolled on into the  
black winter of  
War Cochran could  
look at the cast  
lists of any play in  
London or New  
York and see in  
lights the names  
of stars he had  
created.

Even Berlin had  
a Cochran star—  
lovely dancer La  
Jana, who  
triumphed in one  
of his shows and  
then became a  
favourite of the  
Nazis and friend of  
Hitler.

But after the  
war the theatrical  
world wondered:  
Can he make a  
comeback?

Cochran tried.  
He put on **BIG  
BEN** by A. F.  
Herbert and Vivian  
Ellis and, by the  
same team, **BLESS  
THE BRIDE**.

"Big Ben" was  
no world-shaker,  
but they are still  
singing the Bride's  
haunting song,  
"This is My Love-  
ly Day."

"Bless the Bride"  
was a smash hit.  
A great Cochran  
show, but it had its typical  
troubling twist to it.

After two and half years of  
playing to packed houses  
Cochran decided to take it off  
when it still looked like a  
record-runner.

AND LASTLY

The stars remember

**BUT** Cochran  
thought he had  
something better. It  
was **THE TOP**, a show  
which ended as a  
comparative failure  
after five months.

That is where this  
Cochran story ends. But the  
greater Cochran story goes  
on. Go to Paris and you will  
see the name of Sacha Guitry,  
one of his stars. In New York,  
creations of his, like Florence  
Demond, Beatrice Lillie,  
Gaiety, and Gertrude  
Lawrence still shine.

In London, Anna Neagle, Pat  
Kirkwood, Bergner, Vic Oliver,  
Blissie Hale, Hermione Badde-  
ley, Cicely Courtneidge, and  
scores of others still remember  
the inspiration of this man,  
who might have died a  
millionaire—if he had thought  
more of money than he did of  
his stars.  
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Service)



**READ IT**

What is a Honeymoon? ... A new  
dictionary says first things first...  
by EVE PERRICK

**I** SPENT one afternoon  
accepting a challenge. It was  
issued on the jacket of a dic-  
tionary, just reached here from  
America, which claims to be  
about the biggest event in lexico-  
graphy since old Noah Webster  
died.

The American habit of adding  
new words to the language has  
obviously made Mr Webster's  
mammoth work out of date.

So here comes the new word-  
wonder—a brightly packaged job  
in the American manner, with a  
shiny red-and-yellow dust jacket  
and a photograph of the editor,  
Mr Clarence L. Barnhart, com-  
plete with pipe, rimless specs,  
and a booky background on the  
flap.

He challenges—"Read this  
sample entry and compare it with  
the definition of the same word  
in your old dictionary, or in any  
other dictionary."

I entered the lists with the  
Oxford "Oxford Dictionary of  
Current English in modern usage,"  
this leather cloth.

Sample entry was the word  
"accredit." Main definition in the  
American was "give (a person)  
credit (for something)."

The Oxford offered: "Gain  
belief or influence for (advise  
advice)."

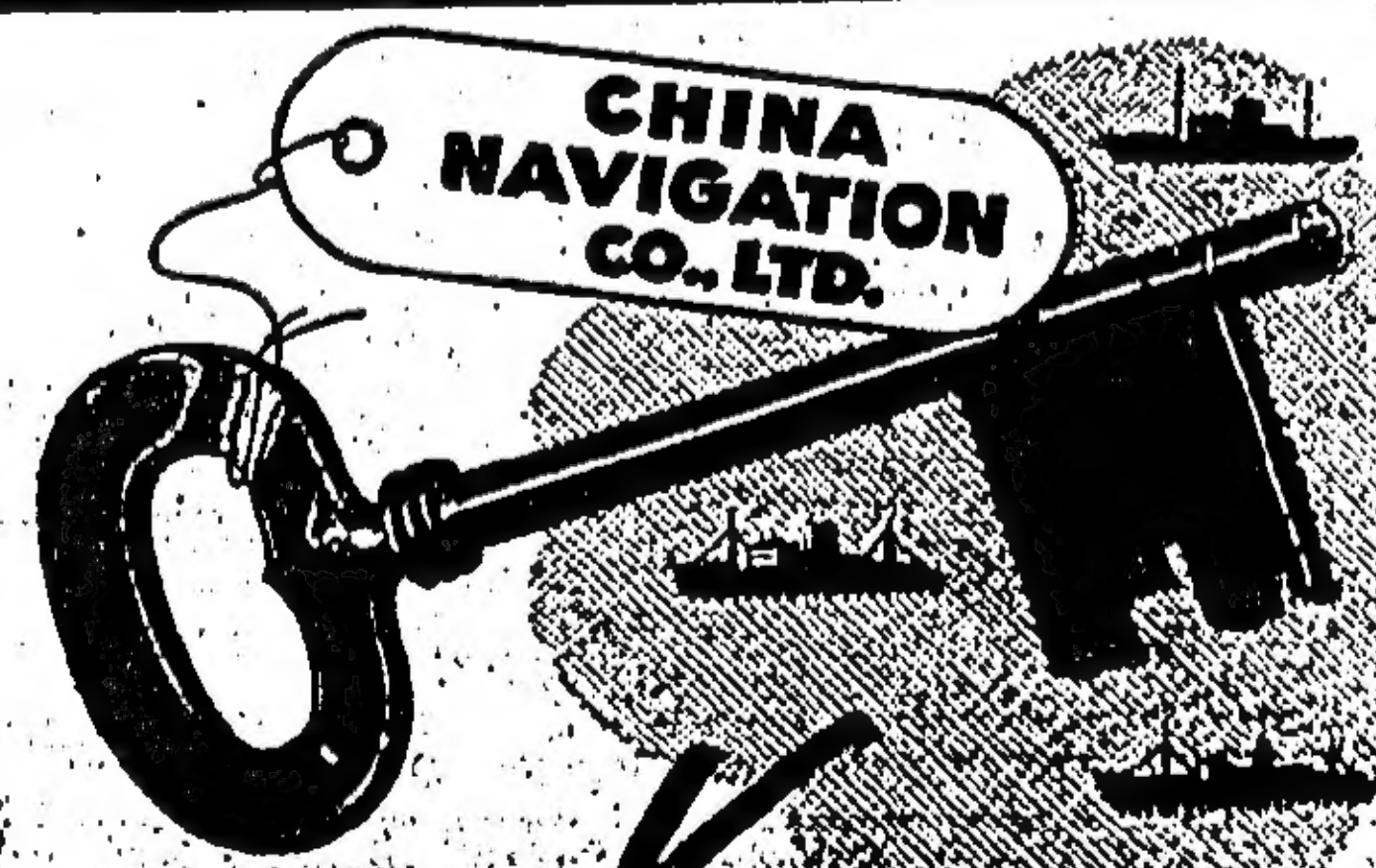
A clear win, I think, for U.S.A.

Example 2.—Consider the word  
"honeymoon."

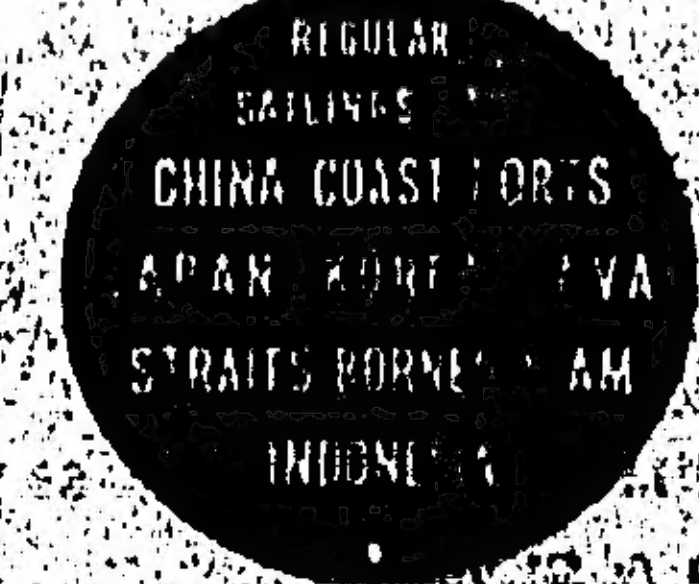
Both give the common usage  
meaning of honeymoon—"a  
holiday spent together by newly-  
married couple." But the first  
listed definition found in the  
parent Oxford Dictionary is  
"the first month after marriage."

And there you have the whole  
theory of this new approach to  
dictionary-making. To most peo-  
ple a "honeymoon" means a  
"holiday"—not the "first month  
etc." The new dictionary  
gives first meanings first.

It is a scholarly work—bril-  
liantly presented. We could go  
with this dictionary here.



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Morris, of Burnley, up against Charlton's Sam Bartram during the match at the Valley. The result was a goalless draw. — Central Press Photo

**By PETER DITTON**

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Sgt. Jervis (Royal Navy)	106	19	370	30	12.33
A. R. Mian (RCC)	110.1	50	507	44	14.34
A. T. Lee (RCC)	80.2	14	280	21	13.31
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"BOOCHOW"	Bangkok	7 a.m. 17th Mar.
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"AENEAS"	Dublin & Liverpool	25th Apr.

Scheduled sailings from Europe

Ship	Sails	Arrives
S. "AGAFENOR"	5th Feb.	18th Mar.
G. "PATROCLUS"	14th Feb.	18th Mar.
S. "AENEAS"	21st Feb.	3rd Apr.
"AUTOMEDON"	4th Mar.	10th Apr.
"MYRMIDON"	7th Mar.	12th Apr.
"PROMETHEUS"	Sailed	18th Apr.
G. "PERSEUS"	18th Mar.	15th Apr.
S. "BELLEPHON"	21st Mar.	25th Apr.
"MARON"	28th Mar.	2nd May
S. "ANTIOCHUS"	4th Apr.	9th May

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"BENMACDUBH"	do	on or abt. 23th Mar.
"BENALDER"	do	7th Apr.
"BENAVON"	do	24th Apr.
"BENALBANACH"	do	2nd May
"BENVENUE"	do	18th May
"BENLAWERS"	do	24th May

## SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	LEAVING
"BENVOLICH"	Liverpool & Rotterdam	20th Mar.
"BENALDER"	Liverpool, Glasgow, Dublin & Antwerp	12th Apr.
"BENAVON"	Liverpool, Glasgow, Antwerp & Rotterdam	14th May
"BENALBANACH"	London, Antwerp & Rotterdam	20th May
"BENLAWERS"	London, Antwerp & Rotterdam	26th May

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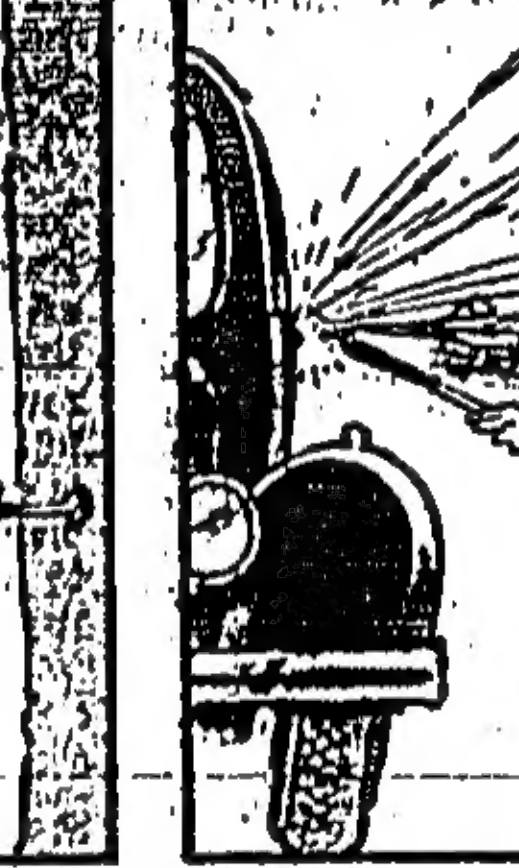
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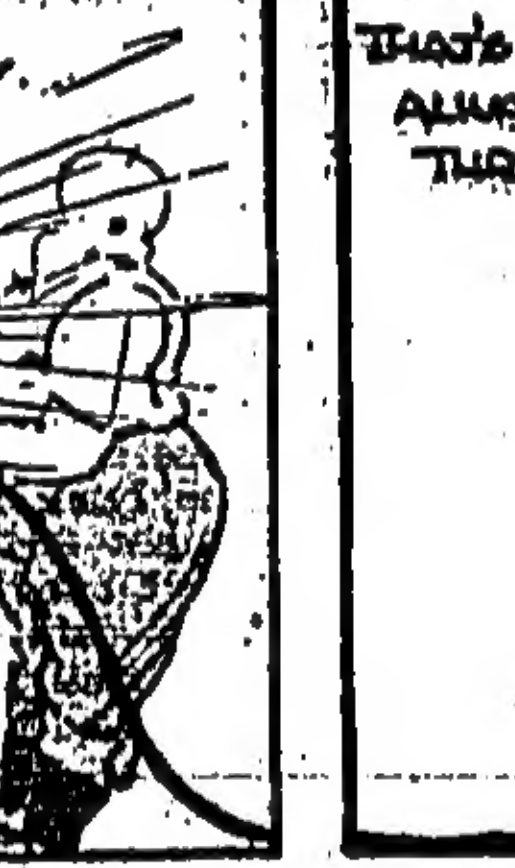
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## MENZIES

## BID TO END FARCE

Canberra, Mar. 15.

Members of the Australian Government expected to-night that within a few hours the Governor-General would assent to the dissolution of both Houses of Parliament.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Robert Menzies, has appealed for the dissolution and the rank and file of both parties are believed to have concurred with him.

During today's sitting the Senate, where Labour has a majority, passed the National Service Bill for a compulsory call-up of youths for defence training.

The Labour Opposition had been instructed by its outside Executive not to oppose the Bill.

Mr. Menzies, who saw the Governor-General M. W. J. McKell this morning, will see him again tomorrow to present documented pleas for a dissolution.

In the House of Representatives on Tuesday night Mr. Menzies challenged Labour to end the "farce" of legislative deadlock by expediting an appeal to the people.

He invited the Labour-dominated Senate promptly to reject the second Commonwealth Bank Bill (blocked in the Senate), thereby creating the constitutional grounds for a dissolution.

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## WHOLESALE

## PRICES ON INCREASE

New York, Mar. 15.

A U.N. survey showed  
 wholesale prices have in-  
 creased steadily since last  
 June in 31 of 36 countries  
 studied.

The sharpest rise — 28 percent  
 — was reported in Finland.

The U.N. warned against coun-  
 try by country comparisons  
 since methods of computation  
 vary in different lands.

However, the survey showed  
 that Britain apparently has been  
 hit harder by inflation than the  
 U.S. The index was up 17 per-  
 cent in Britain and 15 percent  
 in America.

Prices in Britain were 23 per-  
 cent higher than a year ago, but  
 U.S. prices have gone up only  
 15 percent during the year. All  
 the American increase came  
 after the start of the Korean  
 war.

Other increases included:  
 Japan and Spain, 23 percent;  
 France, 16; India-China, 14;  
 Thailand, eight; India, five; New  
 Zealand, two percent.—Associated  
 Press.

## Slump In Grain Prices In Chicago

Chicago, Mar. 15.

Grain prices slumped in a  
 market apparently suffering  
 from "peace jitters".

There was some support on  
 announcement of Marshall Plan  
 grants to foreign countries to  
 buy American wheat. How-  
 ever, this was not sufficient to  
 halt the decline caused by  
 liquidation stemming from be-  
 lief that some sort of stalemate  
 might result in Korea.

Wheat closed 2 1/2 to four cents  
 lower.

March ..... \$2.38  
 May ..... \$2.42 - \$2.41 1/2  
 July ..... \$2.37 - \$2.35 1/2

Corn was 3/4-2 1/4 lower.

Oats were 3/4-1 1/2 lower.

Rye was 3/4 lower to 1/4  
 higher.

Soybeans were unchanged to  
 three cents lower.—Associated  
 Press.

## Oil Company Shares Slump In London

London, Mar. 15.

Shares of Anglo-Iranian Oil  
 and other new sellers were to-  
 day when the Persian Parlia-  
 ment voted unanimously to na-  
 tionalise all oil projects in that  
 country.

At the finish Anglo-Iranian  
 were down slightly more than  
 five shillings to £5 1/4 per share.  
 The British Government owns  
 21,250,000 worth of the com-  
 pany—the controlling interest.

Elsewhere the market was  
 active and irregular, with Brit-  
 ish Government bonds and in-  
 dustrial issues slightly off. Cop-  
 per and gold shares were firm.

Financial Times' Index: 119.9.  
 —Associated Press.

## Steadiness In Textiles

New York, Mar. 15.

The cotton textile market  
 was steady today, with print  
 cloths, sheetings and broad-  
 cloths selling in moderate  
 volume for second and third  
 quarters delivery. Reports  
 were that the Government will  
 probably require 75 to 80 per-  
 cent of the industry's duck pro-  
 duction to be set aside for rated  
 orders.

The wool goods market was  
 quiet, with merchants awaiting  
 action by Washington pricing  
 officials on ceilings.

The rayon goods market was  
 dull. Prices continued easy.  
 —Associated Press.

## Bank Of England Statement

London, Mar. 15.

The Bank of England state-  
 ment for the week ending  
 Mar. 14 reads as follows:

Notes in circulation ..... £1,000,000,000  
 Public deposits ..... £2,000,000,000  
 Private deposits ..... £1,000,000,000  
 Government securities ..... £1,000,000,000  
 Other securities ..... £1,000,000,000  
 Receipts ..... £1,000,000,000  
 Bank ratio ..... 100 per cent.  
 —United Press.

## New York Bank Quotations

New York, Mar. 15.

Closing bank quotations for  
 Bank of America, 100 bid, 100  
 ask; Chase National, 99 1/2 bid, 100  
 ask; National City, 99 1/2 bid, 100  
 ask.  
 —Associated Press.

## Proposed American Loan To Iran May Be Delayed

Washington, Mar. 15.

The move by Iran to nationalise foreign oil  
 concessions prompted the disclosure today that the  
 United States some time ago suggested that British  
 oil concerns split profits 50-50 with Iran.

Official sources said the British offered instead  
 to double royalties on oil production.

Britain has been paying  
 royalties on each barrel of oil  
 produced in Iran.

The 50-50 split formula sug-  
 gested to British officials was  
 said to be patterned on agree-  
 ments which United States oil  
 concerns have with Saudi  
 Arabia and the Latin American  
 oil-producing countries, as pre-  
 sented to the British, was said  
 to have been that the profit  
 formula would help present re-  
 perussions that might curb oil  
 supplies going to the Western  
 countries.

The State Department de-  
 clined to comment on the  
 Iranian action. No American  
 oil companies have concessions  
 in Iran. The Standard Oil  
 companies of New York and  
 New Jersey, however, have  
 been planning to build a pipe-  
 line from Iran to the Mediter-  
 ranean.

Authorities said meanwhile  
 that the proposed United States  
 loan to Iran might be delayed  
 indefinitely because Iran is not  
 willing to accept "foreign"  
 money.

## SCARED AWAY

The United States Export-  
 Import Bank agreed on Oct. 10  
 to lend \$25,000,000 to Iran to  
 develop its agriculture, high-  
 ways and electric power facili-  
 ties. Iranian and American ex-  
 ports had even agreed on be-  
 lieved projects, but the Iranian  
 agreement has not ratified the  
 agreement and nobody can say  
 when, if ever, Iran might act.

Iranian nationalists were be-  
 lieved to have scared the  
 Iranian Government away from  
 accepting the United States loan.  
 U.S. officials feel many legisla-  
 tors who honestly favour credit  
 to not dare champion such a  
 "risk" to foreign power at this  
 time. Iran is, however, ac-  
 cepting U.S. aid that does not  
 have to be repaid under the  
 Point Four programme for Iran.

American technicians using  
 Point Four money are working  
 in three communities to work  
 to turn them into model villages.  
 Iran is also accepting free  
 arms from the United States.  
 A shipment of U.S. tanks re-  
 cently arrived in Iran and offi-  
 cials here say Iran is asking for  
 more weapons.—United Press.

## The Rubber Markets

Singapore, Mar. 15.

Prices of rubber futures closed  
 here today as follows:

Number 1 rubber, March ..... 213-214  
 April ..... 213-214  
 May ..... 213-214  
 Number 2 rubber, March ..... 204-205  
 April ..... 204-205  
 May ..... 204-205  
 Number 3 rubber, March ..... 195-196  
 April ..... 195-196  
 May ..... 195-196  
 Spot rubber, unbleached ..... 217-218  
 No. 1 pale crepe ..... 220-221  
 No. 2 pale crepe ..... 220-221  
 —United Press.

## LONDON MARKET

London, Mar. 15.

Prices of rubber futures closed  
 here today as follows:

Number 1 rubber, in cents  
 per lb. .... 64 1/2-65 1/2  
 April ..... 65 1/2-66 1/2  
 May ..... 65 1/2-66 1/2  
 July/August ..... 65 1/2-66 1/2  
 October/December ..... 65 1/2-66 1/2  
 —United Press.

## NEW YORK MARKET

New York, Mar. 15.

Prices of rubber futures closed  
 here today as follows:

Spot, 61.00 cents.—United  
 Press.

## Peking Trade Planning

San Francisco, Mar. 15.

Peking Radio claimed tonight  
 that as the result of a nation-  
 wide plan for the handling of  
 local products the home market  
 for this type of goods would be  
 greatly expanded this year and  
 consequently, the income of mil-  
 lions of peasants would be great-  
 ly increased.

The broadcast said that jute  
 and tobacco, important raw  
 materials for industries would  
 be bought throughout China, by  
 State companies for local  
 products while bean cake and  
 other goods would be supplied  
 by them.

Already, 54 barter contracts  
 had been signed between the  
 State and various areas, the  
 broadcast said.—Reuter.

## New York Sugar Futures

New York, Mar. 15.

Domestic sugar futures No. 11  
 closed four to five lower.

March ..... 16.00  
 April ..... 16.00  
 May ..... 16.00  
 June ..... 16.00  
 July ..... 16.00  
 August ..... 16.00  
 September ..... 16.00  
 October ..... 16.00  
 November ..... 16.00  
 December ..... 16.00  
 —Associated Press.

## A Day Of Rumours On Wall St.

New York, Mar. 15.

Brisk buying boosted the  
 stock market today for wide-  
 spread gains.

The demand was concentra-  
 ted in the final half hour of  
 trading after the market most  
 of the day swung back and  
 forth like a weather vane.

Transfers were 2,200,000. The  
 radio television group led the  
 advance and the biggest gains  
 were made there.

There was plenty of conflict-  
 ing rumour all day, long—  
 rumours of peace and denials of  
 rumours of peace in the Korean  
 situation.

Curiously, although prices  
 were up on average, there were  
 54 declines and only 397  
 advances.

Among gainers were Zenith  
 Radio, Baltimore and Ohio,  
 Chicago, Milwaukee and St.  
 Paul.

Dow Jones Averages:  
 Stock ..... 90.79  
 20 Industrials ..... 244.85  
 15 Rails ..... 91.17  
 10 Utilities ..... 42.49  
 —Associated Press.

## JUMP IN MALAYAN TIN PRICE

Singapore, Mar. 15.

The price of Malayan tin  
 jumped \$12 today to Straits \$579  
 per picul of 133 1/4 pounds.

Brokers reported increasingly  
 heavy demand for tin from all  
 parts of the world although the  
 U.S. is out of the market as it  
 buyers until prices drop to what  
 the Americans consider a rea-  
 sonable level.

Tin producers continued to  
 charge the U.S. with price-  
 depressing actions.

Rubber prices rose with what  
 was described as heavy buying  
 on Russian account via London.  
 Opening sales brought Straits  
 \$212 per pound compared with  
 Wednesday's Straits \$208.—As-  
 sociated Press.

## Cotton Goes Higher

New York, Mar. 15.

Cotton futures finished higher  
 today after an earlier start.  
 Nearby July, through mail  
 covering operations, paced the  
 advance.

Prices closed today at the  
 end of the official morning ses-  
 sion as follows:

Spot tin, buyers ..... 1,420  
 Spot tin, sellers ..... 1,420  
 Business done at ..... 1,420  
 Three-months tin, buyers ..... 1,160  
 Three-months tin, sellers ..... 1,160  
 Business done at ..... 1,160  
 —United Press.

## Tentative Agreement Halts Strike

Boston, Mar. 15.

Management and Union  
 reached a tentative agreement  
 today averting a threatened  
 strike of some 18,000 cotton  
 rayon workers in the Fall  
 River-New Bedford area at mid-  
 night.

A spokesman said the agree-  
 ment generally includes a 7 1/2  
 per cent wage increase which  
 management offered yesterday.  
 The Union had asked for 12  
 per cent.

A cost of living allowance  
 escalator clause which will be  
 readjusted every three months  
 and severance pay but no pen-  
 sion is included in the agree-  
 ment, the spokesman said.

The agreement calls for a  
 two-year contract with a wage  
 reopening at the end of a year.  
 A strike would have affected  
 200,000 workers in the East.  
 —Associated Press.

## Bond Market

New York, Mar. 15.

Foreign "seller" bonds were  
 mixed, with changes mostly  
 fractional.

Yokohama Specie lost three  
 points and Copenhagen 4 1/2  
 declined 1 1/4.—Associated Press.

## Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local

unofficial exchange market this  
 morning at the following rates:  
 Sterling (per £) ..... 16.05  
 U.S. dollars (per \$1) ..... 60.00  
 Swiss francs (per 100) ..... 27.00  
 Indonesian guilders (per 100) ..... 27.00  
 Singapore (Straits) ..... 17.00  
 P.T.C. (per 100) ..... 16.00

## Exchanges In NY

New York, Mar. 15.

Closing New York exchange  
 rates:  
 London ..... 16.05  
 Paris ..... 60.00  
 Amsterdam ..... 27.00  
 Zurich ..... 27.00  
 Bern ..... 27.00  
 Frankfurt ..... 27.00  
 —Associated Press.

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 "TJAWANG" 17th Mar. 21st Mar.  
 "TJAWANG" 27th Mar. 1st Apr.

"BOISSEVIN" 28th Mar. 1st Apr.  
 "STRAAT BOENDA" 7th Apr. 20th Mar.  
 "TEGELBERG" 6th May 6th Apr.

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"ALMERE" 2nd week Apr. 26th Mar.  
 "LANGLESCOT" May Mid. Apr.

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